

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167

Safety Policy

The Warriors exist to support the MAGTF Commander by providing offensive air support, utility support, armed escort and airborne supporting arms coordination, day or night under all weather conditions during expeditionary, joint or combined operations. There will be times in combat, in training and on liberty, when you decide to take risks not directly contributing to mission success. Poor decisions or actions carelessly taken by amateurs detract from, and potentially inhibit the mission. Therefore, when faced with such decisions, I expect each of you to be professional and consider three principles.




Do the right thing, always. Our profession requires operating within rules, regulations, directives and policies; many of which are written in blood. In addition, civil law governs our conduct in society and it is irresponsible and illegal to knowingly ignore or circumvent those laws or the orders and directives of our Corps. I expect each of you to do the right thing, always. Supervised or not, this is your duty as a professional. Use the chain of command to address concerns when orders, directives or policies create ambiguity. The established Anymouse program is one avenue to address such a concern.

Make excellence a habit. Mission accomplishment requires each and every Warrior to be tactically savvy, technically proficient and a dedicated professional in words AND actions. A professional inherently performs safely. As Warriors with excellence as a habit and brilliance in the basics, we will successfully execute the mission during peacetime training and combat operations without needless loss of life or aircraft.

Leave it better than you found it. My direction is to perpetuate excellence by actively training and educating ourselves and our next generation of Warriors in compliance with and to the standard. Do not let tribal lore be the foundation of training. Read our tactics, techniques and procedures for flying, fixing or supporting in order to improve not only yourself, but those around you. Then, train your replacement.

Marines.....Warriors – safety is inherent in a professional force and we are professionals. I require a propensity for action to correct a fellow Warrior not doing the right thing, regardless of rank or position. Take pride in upholding our standards despite potential pressure to do otherwise. On liberty, on the hangar deck and in the air, I expect you to maintain the discipline and professionalism for which the Warriors are known.


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